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TELCON
Scotty Reston
Sec. Kissinger
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9:50 a.m.

R: Since you are going to answer questions today, why don't you ask these guys that question that you put to me -- what is the Sec. of State supposed to do to defend himself against charges of this kind. Raise the issue.

K: You mean at the beginning.

R: No. When it seems appropriate.

K: In my introductory remarks or in answer to a question.

R: You may get a question that will give you a chance to recite on it that would probably be preferable. Who is asking questions.

K: Roberts, Ben Read, Yoder from the Star.

R: I will get somebody to ask you if you want it.

K: You mean just to say -- Thompson (the other one to ask questions.) - Neiman curator.

R: They will probably ask you anyway -- what about these charges.

K: You mean on the papers.

R: Yes and you can tee-off on that and say whatever you like about this whole press...

K: Have you seen the spech I gave when Lisagor received the award.

R: No.

K: I will send it over. Where he got the Weintal Award. I made a few comments about the relation of the press to the Govt. I will think about this Scottie. I think at some early time I will do it if not today.

R: I will leave it alone unless you call me back. While on the phone, I was going to write about China. What do we know about Hua.

K: Nothing.

R: We don't know what camp he is in.

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K: He has generally been considered in the moderate camp.

R: But outside of that --

K: We know practically nothing. Only conversations we know of were those he had with Nixon:

R: Was that useful.

K: Yest but it was not spectacular but useful.

R: What did it show about him.

K: It did not show any great change from the previous policy. In fact, it did not show any change from the previous policy at all.

R: Call me back if you want me to have someone ask you that question.

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